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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives have learned with great sadness of the passing of activist, educator, and public official Barbara Brown; and

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WHEREAS, Barb Brown, as she was very fondly known, left a lasting legacy during her career that mentored hundreds of students from across the world, worked tirelessly for a wide range of candidates for public office, important public policy goals, and many community causes; and

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WHEREAS, Barb, widely published in her field, taught with distinction at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and for four decades she added to the celebration of faith for parishioners from the keyboard of the organ at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis Grove; and

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WHEREAS, She will be admired and remembered as a loving daughter, sister, mother, wife, and grandmother; and

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WHEREAS, Barb worked with unmatched dedication on the election of numerous candidates including President Obama and President Clinton; and

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WHEREAS, She was elected nine times as a delegate to her

1 party's national convention and four times as Randolph County
2 Circuit Court Clerk; and

3 WHEREAS, She is remembered as the former head of Illinois
4 Democratic Women and a co-founder and former President of the
5 Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership; she spearheaded the
6 Randolph County Relay For Life to fight for a cure for the
7 cancer that she battled twice in her life; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 express our profound sympathies and hopes for comfort and
11 strength for Barb Brown's husband, Richard, and their children
12 and spouses, Jay and Gabriella, Matthew and Ann, and Nathaniel;
13 and to her grandchildren and siblings; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Barb Brown as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathies.